

REMARKS

Claims 14 and 19 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-13, 15-18 and 20-26 are rejected. Claims 2-7, 10, 14, 19 and 23 are objected to. Claims 1-13, 15-18 and 20-26 are cancelled herein. Claims 14 and 19 are amended herein to address matters of form unrelated to substantive patentability issues.

Applicant herein traverses and respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of the claims and objections cited in the above-referenced Office Action.

Claims 1-12 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the invention thereof is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-12 and 21-23 are cancelled herein, rendering these rejections moot.

Claim 18 is rejected as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. The Office Action bases the rejection on improper referencing of another claim by an independent claim.

Claim 18 is cancelled herein rendering its rejection moot. However, since the Office Action further indicates that claim 19, dependent from rejected claim 18, contains allowable subject matter and would be allowed if amended to overcome the §112, second paragraph rejection and to stand in independent form, applicants have addressed the issues expressed by the Examiner in incorporating the subject matter of claim 18 into claim 19.

Therefore, and in light of the Office Action statement indicating that claim


19 contains allowable subject matter, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 19 and its allowance are earnestly requested.

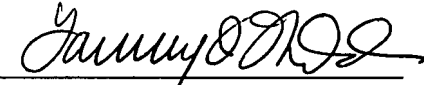
Claims 14 and 19 are objected to as being dependent from rejected base claims. The Examiner indicates that the claims contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if put in independent form incorporating the limitations of the base and intervening claims, and to correct any outstanding Section 112 issues. All indefiniteness issues were addressed regarding claim 19, as discussed above. It is noted that claim 14 was not objected to. The claims are amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, and now stand in independent form. Reconsideration of the objection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form
for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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